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SUBJECT: KY'S CAMPAIGN AS SEEN BY SENATOR VU VAN MAU

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1. SENATOR VU VAN MAU TOLD EMBOFF MORNING JULY 26 HE BELIEVED VICE PRESIDENT KY WAS FAR FROM ACHIEVING NECESSARY 100 ENDORSEMENTS FROM PROVINCIAL COUNCILMEN. MAU DID NOT KNOW EXACT NUMBER KY HAS OBTAINED, BUT HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE VARIOUS KINDS OF "MORAL PRESSURE" EXERTED BY EXECUTIVE ON THE COUNCILMEN WERE PROVING TOO GREAT TO WITHSTAND, EVEN FOR SOME OF THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH AN QUANG WHO STRONGLY WISH TO HELP KY.

2. AS TO WHETHER MINH WOULD RUN IF KY WAS UNABLE TO QUALIFY, MAU AT FIRST SAID YES, BUT THEN CORRECTED HIMSELF AND SAID THIS WAS A PERSONAL DECISION ONLY MINH CAN MAKE. MAU SAID MINH WAS HAVING NO DIFFICULTY GETTING ENOUGH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ENDORSEMENTS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE LOWER HOUSE CHAIRMAN

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IS HESITATING TO VERIFY SOME DEPUTIES' SIGNATURES, A PROBLEM WHICH MAU THOUGHT WOULD BE SOLVED EASILY. (NOTE PARA 5 REFTEL.)

3. MAU DECLINED TO CONFIRM HE WOULD BE MINH'S RUNNING MATE ALTHOUGH IT IS NOW WIDELY REPORTED IN THE PRESS AS WELL AS IN AN QUANG CIRCLES.
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